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Peter Jennings and the News

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON ENTERED THE CONTROVERSY

PETER JENNINGS: "The Central Intelligence Agency not only poured millions of dollars secretly into the National Student Association, but also financed three other student groups.

"That fact reported by the Washington Star today.

"The Star identified them as a U. S. Youth Council based in New York; the World Assembly of Youth, based in Belgium; and the International Student Conference, based in the Netherlands.

"As the CIA came under heavier fire, President Johnson entered the controversy. Howard K. Smith has that story in Washington."

SMITH: "Late today the State Department handed reporters an announcement signed by Acting Secretary of State Nicholas Katzenbach. It said that President Johnson has ordered Katzenbach to undertake a careful review of CIA involvement in American educational institutions in general.

"Since most governments give some kind of support to student organizations that operate abroad, Katzenbach was also ordered to formulate a policy for giving that help without compromising the organization's integrity.

"Assisting Katzenbach in the investigation and the drawing up of guidelines will be Secretary of Welfare John Gardner, and CIA Director Richard Helms.

"The President's order for a kind of self-investigation inside the Executive Branch came as members of Congress were clamoring for a Congressional investigation."

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